Dibrugarh

1. Replacement of rail level island platform with medium level platform (Completed).

2. Remodelling of the existing ladies waiting hall (Completed).

3. Facelifting of the existing station building.

Inconvenience to commuters due to shops constructed outside railway stations in Bombay

2742. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 957 given in the Raja Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) total number of shops causing inconvenience to commuters outside various Railway Stations in Bombay;

(b) what action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) by when Government will be able to clear all the structures for smooth movement of commuters outside the Railway Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are about 200 such shops on railway land outside Byculla (East & West), Kurla (West), Chembur, Bhandup (West), and Mulund (East & West) Stations in Bombay.

(b) Eviction proceedings have already been initiated for removal of most of these shops, but the parties have gone to the Court and obtained stay orders. The Railways are contesting the cases in Court.

(c) Since most of the cases are subjudice, no target dates for removal of the shops can be fixed.

Linking of District Headquarters and Industrial Centres in Maharashtra by air

2743. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra to link the District Headquarters and important Industrial Centres by air and to construct airports at these centres; and

(b) if so, the steps the Union Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Demand to run Pallavan express from Karaikudi

2744. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand from the public, businessmen and politicians to run Pallavan Express from Karaikudi in Southern Railway;

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to that effect; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.